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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1114.

Wednesday, the $\frac{\text{7th of December 1938.}}{\text{22nd of Vrischigam 1114.}}$

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. C. S. Sadasiva Ayyar, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, T. K. Nayar and N. V. Subbarayan Chettiar were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

SANITARY AND PANCHAYAT DEPARTMENTS— BIFURCATION OF.

61. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have any idea to separate the Sanitary and Panchayat Departments ;

(2) if not, have they considered the necessity of keeping two sets of Sanitary Inspectors ;

(3) if not, will they now be pleased to look into the matter and avoid this duplication ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) : (1) No.

(2) and (3) The questions are not clear.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : Are there not Inspectors under the Panchayat Department ?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) : Yes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*) : Do they inspect the sanitary works under the Panchayat Department?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*) : No. There are two different kinds of Inspectors, the Panchayat Inspectors and the Sanitary Inspectors. Their functions are different.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Do the Panchayat Inspectors look after the sanitary works of the Panchayats?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): No.

Mr. President: There are no Sanitary Inspectors under the Panchayat Department.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Sanitary Inspectors are under the Public Health Department. Then there are another set of Inspectors called the Panchayat Inspectors and their functions are different.

PUBLIC HEALTH LECTURES.

62. **Mr. M. K. Devassy** (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to organise a course of annual lectures for every three villages grouped together on topics relating to public health;

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Everything practicable and necessary is being done now in the matter of health propaganda work. Attention is invited to the activities of the Public Health Department in the matter of health work detailed on pages 16 and 40 of the printed Administration Report of the Public Health and Panchayats Department for 1112 (Copy placed on the Council table). Nothing further seems to be necessary at present.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Hon'ble Minister be pleased to state whether they are conducting any health lectures in connection with leprosy relief work?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice with regard to that special aspect.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether leprosy slides are exhibited through the cinema?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I want notice.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to do it if they are not already doing it?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): We will consider the matter.

Mr. K. Ayyappan (*Ezhuvas-Kanayannur*): May I know Sir, the number of lectures conducted in a year?

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